TIDAL INDICATOR, MARITIME EXCHANGE, NEW YORK.

## LETTER

FROM

## THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

RECOMMENDING

APPROPRIATION FOR TIDAL INDICATOR IN THE MARITIME EXCHANGE, NEW YORK.

January 20, 1903.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 19, 1903.

Sir: I have the honor to request that provision be made in the sundry civil appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, under the title "Coast and Geodetic Survey," for the installation of a tidal indicator on the floor of the exchange of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, \$1,000.

I inclose herewith copy of a communication from the superintendent of said association upon the subject, together with the favorable recommendation of the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey thereon, for the information of Congress.

Respectfully.

L. M. Shaw, Secretary.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Maritime Association of the Port of New York, New York, January 12, 1903.

DEAR SIR: We recently made application to the Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey for the installation of a tidal indicator on the floor of our exchange similar to that now installed by him on the floor of the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange. Our membership numbers 1,072, which is about three times that of the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange. We learn from Mr. Tittman that the appropriation now in hand available for such expenditures is

insufficient to enable him to comply with our wish. As a result, we have communicated with the House Committee on Appropriations, requesting the insertion in the sundry civil bill of an item providing for a sufficient fund for this purpose.

We write to ask if you will kindly favor us with your indorsement of our request and so inform Chairman Cannon, of the House Appro-

priations Committee?

The maritime interests of this port, as well as those of our members, would be very greatly benefited by the installation of the tidal indicator as requested; and trusting that you will favor us in this matter, I have the honor to remain,

Very truly, yours,

A. R. SMITH, Superintendent.

Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

Treasury Department, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D. C., January 16, 1903.

Respectfully returned to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury with my recommendation for favorable consideration.

There is at present no appropriation available for this purpose, and

the Maritime Association was so advised, as stated by them.

It is estimated that an appropriation of \$1,000 will fully cover the expenses involved in establishing the proposed indicator.

Respectfully,

O. H. TITTMAN, Superintendent.